



# Sully Spotlight

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### Events of Interest for the Month

-  **Tues., Nov. 7—Election Day**
-  **Sat., Nov. 11—Veterans Day**
-  **Tues., Nov. 21 @ 7:30 p.m.—Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd.**
-  **Thurs., Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Day**

## Auxiliary Police Officer George Ludwig Honored as Officer of the Quarter



Pictured left to right: CAC Chairperson Dan Lindner, APO George Ludwig and Sully Assistant Commander Lieutenant Cindy McAlister.

Auxiliary Police Officer George Ludwig was presented the Citizens' Advisory Committee's Officer of the Quarter award. APO Ludwig rides along with the Sully District's evening A-shift. He is a volunteer who takes his chosen second profession to heart. He can be found riding along with A squad two to three days a week. He works every Saturday and takes the paddy wagon out, mostly alone. He patrols faithfully, all the while handling minor reports and writing parking tickets. Additionally, he responds and backs officers on most crashes and events where a second or third hand is critical. APO Ludwig was with the squad on May 8 during the police shooting in the Sully district and in all of the turmoil of that afternoon, he was among the first in the rear parking lot, shotgun in hand, providing cover while other officers cleared the lot. Throughout the events that unfolded the next 2-3 weeks, he came in and worked almost daily with his squad. He is a vital link not only to his squad but certainly to the Sully District Station and the Police Department. Often times he works Auxiliary assignments that begin in the morning and finishes the day by working with the squad. He was recently recognized by the Auxiliary program for volunteering over 1,000 hours this year. He has a great can-do attitude and interacts superbly with all he comes into contact with. All of his efforts are at no cost to the County, and even though he wears a uniform and badge, he is not armed. To commit to his level of service takes an individual of dedication and pride and Auxiliary Officer George Ludwig exemplifies such traits. Congratulations and thank you APO Ludwig for your dedication to Sully!

# Meet Sully District Police Station's Bomb Dog...

## *Gracie*



Gracie, a female Labrador retriever, has joined the Explosive Ordinance Division (EOD) of the Fairfax County Police Department, and she is putting her nose to good use.

Gracie graduated from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Explosive Detection Canine Course on August 23. She received ten weeks of training with her handler and an additional six weeks of individual training. As a new member of EOD, she is qualified to detect firearms, ammunition, explosives and fireworks.

Gracie is now stationed at the Sully District Station with Officer Joseph Clerkin. She stays with Officer Clerkin 24-hours-a-day, whether on or off duty.

Gracie has become one of the Sully police family and has settled right in to the station. We are proud to have her with us!

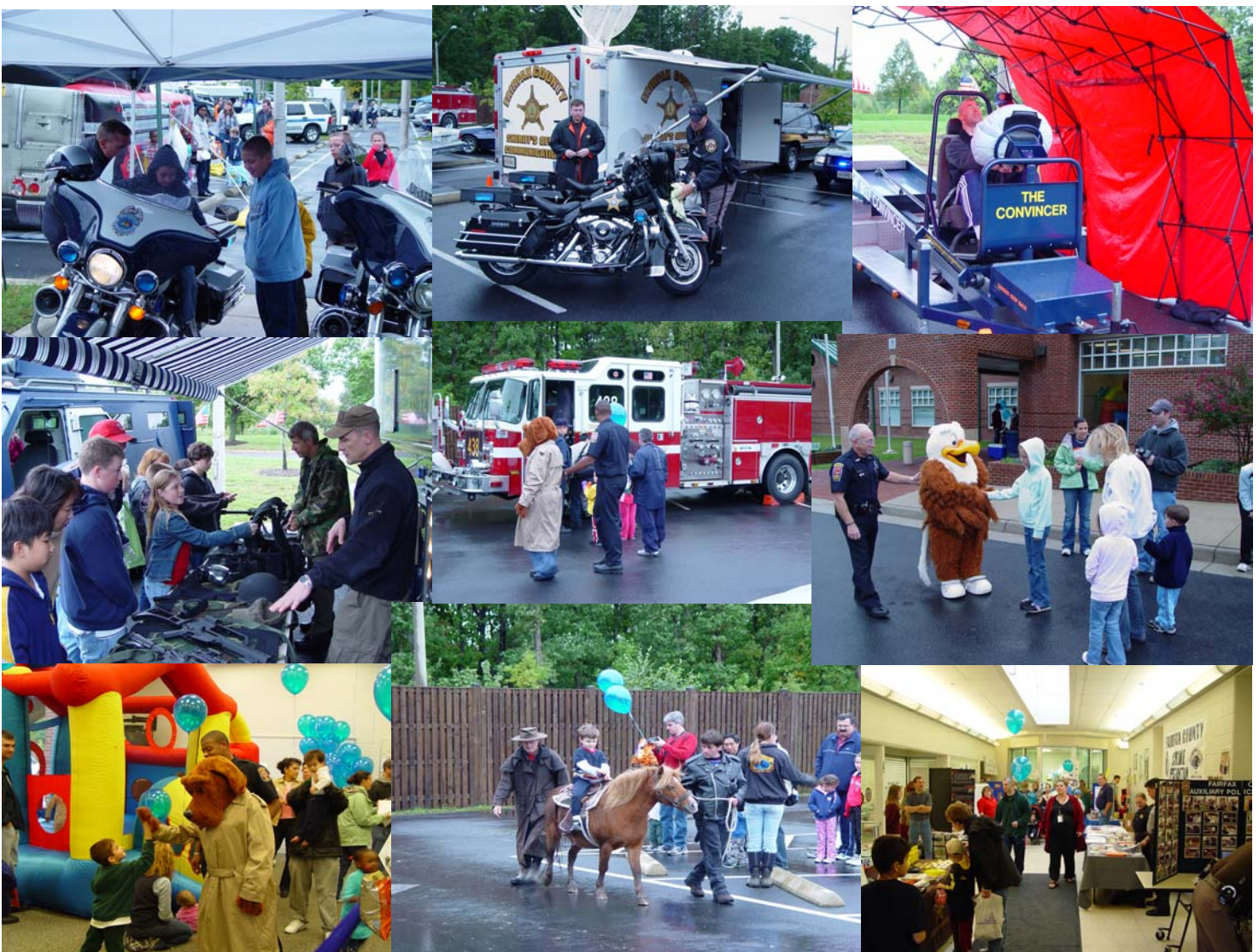




# Sully District Police Station's Open House 2006

Even though the weather did not fully cooperate with us the open house was a success. The officers of the station would like to thank everyone in the community for their support. We would also like to thank all the divisions of the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and Fairfax County Fire Department for their support. We would like to acknowledge the Washington Redskins and National Rifle Association.

McGruff the Crime Dog and Eddie the Eagle (Gun Safety) were on hand greeting everyone as they arrived. It was a day of fun and learning for everyone, from seatbelt safety to riding ponies and eating cotton candy.



# High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Systems

By MPO Vincent DarConte

We see the signs every day on I-66, I-95, and I-395, HOV -3 and HOV-2 restricted. Do you know the rules and exemptions for driving in an HOV lane?

**Rules:** During HOV operating hours, any vehicle that has the designated number of people (HOV-2 or 3) can use the HOV lanes. During all other times, they are open to all vehicles, except when the reversible lanes are closed.



## Exemptions To The Rules:

1. Motorcyclists are permitted to use HOV lanes throughout Virginia during HOV hours.
2. Motorists traveling to and from Dulles International Airport on business are permitted to use I-66 inside the Beltway during HOV hours.
3. Vehicles powered exclusively by clean special fuel, including Hybrid gasoline/electric, hydrogen, hythane, methane, compressed natural gas, electricity, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, ethane, and solar energy and registered with clean special fuel license plates are permitted to use HOV lanes. Hybrid fuel vehicles (i.e. gasoline engines that are assisted with electricity) that are registered with clean special fuel license plates also qualify to use the HOV lanes. Not all hybrids qualify for clean special fuel license plates, but the following do: Toyota Prius, Honda Insight, Honda Civic, 2005 Ford Escape, 2006 Ford Escape, 2006 Toyota Highlander, 2006 Lexus RX400, 2006 Mercury Mariner, 2006 Honda Accord, 2007 Mercury Mariner, 2007 Lexus GS450h and 2007 Ford Escape.
4. Emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance, rescue) and law enforcement vehicles are exempt. Public utility vehicles are permitted to use HOV lanes when responding to emergency calls.
5. Trucks are permitted to use HOV lanes if they have the required number of people in Northern Virginia. Trucks are not permitted to use I-66 inside the Beltway at any time. Trucks are not permitted to use any of the HOV lanes in the Hampton Roads area.
6. I-395 HOV lanes are open to non-HOV traffic during HOV hours from the entrance ramp located just south of Duke Street, known as "Turkeycock." However, non-HOV traffic using these lanes during HOV hours must exit at one of the next two left exits. First exit: Springfield, Route 644W (last exit in Springfield). Second Exit: Flyover to I-95 southbound.
7. Buses designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver.
8. Taxicabs with two or more people, including the driver.

**New Law for Hybrids on HOV Lanes took effect July 1, 2006:** Hybrid vehicles with the required clean fuel plates are permitted to use the HOV lanes until July 1, 2007. However, July 1, 2006, the Department of Motor Vehicles issued clean fuel license plates with a new design to distinguish them from the existing clean fuel plate. Only those vehicles with plates issued prior to July 1, 2006 will be permitted to use the I-95—I-395 HOV lanes. Vehicles with the new plates will be permitted to use the I-66 and Dulles Toll Road HOV lanes but not the 95/395 HOV lanes.

**Fines as of July 1, 2006:** First offense \$125, Second offense \$250 plus three points on your driving record. Third offense \$500 plus three points on your driving record. Fourth offense \$1000 plus three points on your driving record.



# *Celebrating Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving begins the holiday season. One of the more important holidays started by our founding fathers, it is often lost between Halloween and Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza. When did you stop to appreciate Thanksgiving for its true meaning? Do you even know the history of Thanksgiving?

In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires. They found they had enough food to put away for the winter.

The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness; they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter; and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817 New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

This year as you travel to see family or stay home to host family and friends, remember to say thank you for all that you have. One of my favorite sayings is "Freedom Isn't Free." Be thankful for the men and women who continue to maintain a country where you can celebrate holidays and maintain the freedoms that we all are accustomed to in the United States.

There are families right in our community who cannot afford to celebrate Thanksgiving by eating the roasted turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, or whatever your family may have to celebrate the holiday. Let's reach our hands and hearts out to these families either through donating to a local soup kitchen, shelter or supermarkets where they advertise sponsoring a needy family. One kind act can have a rippling effect.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving day!

## ***Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections***

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates:	Thursday, November 2, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Tuesday, November 7, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Thursday, November 16, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.
	Tuesday, November 21, 2006	3 p.m.—7 p.m.
	Thursday, November 30, 2006	5 p.m.—9 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. ***The last car seat inspection will be taken 30 minutes prior to the completion of the night.*** For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

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## **Traffic Trivia**

Code of Virginia § [46.2-888](#). **Stopping on highways; general rule.**

No person shall stop a vehicle in such manner as to impede or render dangerous the use of the highway by others, except in the case of an emergency, an accident, or a mechanical breakdown. In the event of such an emergency, accident, or breakdown, the emergency flashing lights of such vehicle shall be turned on if the vehicle is equipped with such lights and such lights are in working order. If the driver is capable of doing so and the vehicle is movable, the driver may move the vehicle only so far as is necessary to prevent obstructing the regular flow of traffic; provided, however, that the movement of the vehicle to prevent the obstruction of traffic shall not relieve the law-enforcement officer of his duty pursuant to § [46.2-373](#). A report of the vehicle's location shall be made to the nearest law-enforcement officer as soon as practicable, and the vehicle shall be moved from the roadway to the shoulder as soon as possible and removed from the shoulder without unnecessary delay. If the vehicle is not promptly removed, such removal may be ordered by a law-enforcement officer at the expense of the owner if the disabled vehicle creates a traffic hazard.

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## **CAC CORNER**

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard in the community room. If you live or work in the Sully District, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Your voice does make a difference. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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File a Report on Line  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm)

**Virginia Amber Alert**  
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

**Aggressive Driving—  
Report Online at**  
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf\\_sfty\\_report.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)



#### PHONE NUMBERS

**Fairfax County Crime  
Solvers :**  
1-866-411-TIPS

**Fairfax County Police  
Non-Emergency:**  
703-691-2131

**Sully District Crime  
Prevention Office:**  
703-814-7018

**Child Car Seat  
Installation:**  
Sully District Station  
703-814-7000 x 5140

**SAFE (Self Defense Class)**  
703-246-7806

**Citizen Reporting System  
(to file reports only )**  
703-464-4756

# HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

To be a veteran  
one must know and  
determine one's price  
for freedom.



## VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2006



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